

BEST AVAILABLE COPYRemarksRejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The examiner rejected claims 16-28, 30-32, 35-46, 68-78 and 109-113 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Amendments have been made along the lines suggested by the examiner. The amendments are not believed to narrow the claims.

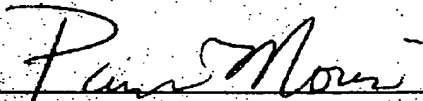
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The examiner rejected claims 16-28, 30-32, 35-46, 68-78, and 109-113 as obvious over ZA 68/05343 (translation) or Fern (4,410,419) with or without Cooper. The examiner indicated that incorporating the subject matter of combined claims 16 and 36 into all of the independent claims would place the case in condition for allowance. The claims are amended as suggested by the examiner.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and allowance of the pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 maintained by Baker Hughes Incorporated.

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